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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Roland E. Dolle, et al.  
Application No. : 10/668,475 Confirmation No. : 2933  
Filed : September 22, 2003  
For : 4-PYRIDAZINECARBOXAMIDES AND ESTERS AS  
INTERLEUKIN-1 $\beta$  CONVERTING ENZYME  
INHIBITORS  
Group Art Unit : 1624  
Examiner : Thomas C. McKenzie, Ph.D.

Palo Alto, CA  
May 12, 2005

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the November 12, 2004 Office Action, applicants submit the following amendments and response.

Applicants have petitioned currently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time and paid the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), extending the time to respond to May 12, 2005.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.